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There Is No Such Place As Home For Many People This Holiday Season

The phrase "home for the holidays" evokes the deepest emotions imaginable in people regardless of race or creed. From Thanksgiving through Christmas and the beginning of the New Year songs and music from the past will be heard on radio, television, in malls and restaurants reaching deep into our beings with that single word — **home**.

For many this year however, there is no such place. Lives have tumbled apart; homes of the past have become

just a memory. Frigid, wind whipped dirty streets or crowded, dangerous motel rooms have taken their place.

Not all people we see in this condition are from welfare roles. Many held decent jobs before disaster struck. But after the disaster — be it a fire, or increase in rent, or family violence which forced the breakup of a home — a new place could not be found with a rent that left enough to feed a family, that left enough to live on.

This year in Newark, Scudder Homes was torn down and others may follow. Replacements supposedly will not meet the previous capacity. (Some estimate a shortage of 1400 units.) That does not mean that we should have high rises again. They never worked. But we should have housing designed for the people who are to use it and more important we should have enough of it.

What mother or father can supervise a child from anything 13 stories high? No thought at all was given to

who would be living in those monstrosities, and they should never have been built.

There is another alternative however, which New Community has demonstrated over the last nineteen years. Apartments of five stories are workable and appropriate for families; so are townhouses and garden apartments. High rises can work for senior citizens if they have elevators that work and built-in security. Community rooms, floor

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New Jersey Housing Agency Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency celebrated its 20th anniversary on November 5, 1987 with a buffet dinner at the Priory Restaurant in St. Joseph Plaza, Newark.

The NJHMFA has played a major role in the low-income housing built by New Community.

Present to commemorate the ac-

George Kohn, Former NJHMFA Executive Director Bill Johnston, Councilman George Branch, Monsignor William J. Linder and Mrs. Mary Smith along with many others.

The choice of St. Joseph Plaza as the site for the occasion was a source of great pride for New Community.

According to Commissioner Col-



Addressing the 20th Anniversary gathering at St. Joseph Plaza, Commissioner Coleman recognizes outstanding participants in the housing program over the years. Left to right in photo: Msgr. William Linder, Mary Little Parell, Leonard S. Coleman, W. Cary Edwards, Feather O'Connor, and George Kohn.

complishments of the past twenty years were Commissioner of Community Affairs Leonard S. Coleman, Jr., Commissioner of Banking Mary Little Parell, Attorney General W. Cary Edwards, State Treasurer Feather O'Connor, Attorney General James Kellogg 4th, Board Member

eman, "We couldn't think of a better place to have this function. The Plaza represents all the good things the NJHMFA is working toward. Monsignor Linder is an active and long time board member and the agency is grateful to be a guest in his home."

Governor Kean Supports Federal Return To Housing Field

Cites New Community As A Housing Program That Works

At a recent conference of Republican Governors, New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean who is Chairman of the Republican Governors Association (RGA) planned to "plant the seeds" for a new look at the issue of housing.

He blamed both Congress and President Reagan for the abandonment of all housing policies, pointing out a relationship between the number of homeless in recent years and the absence of a federal housing policy. At a press conference he said he would push for restoration of a national housing policy in his meetings with presidential candidates.

Although a national housing program would be costly, "proper investment in housing for people can save money in the long run by keeping families together," said Kean. The program should stress ownership and the involvement of the private sector.

Kean used New Community and the work done by Reverend William Linder as an example of creative housing development which already involved both federal and state governments and the private sector. The urged people to come to Newark and visit New Community and stressed that the community itself played a major role in its success. People there live in dignity with rents they can afford, he explained, adding that community leadership was also an important factor.

Kean pointed out that unless the federal government again becomes involved in housing there will be no

more New Communities.

The governor is not a supporter of stopgap emergency housing and



Governor Thomas Kean

shelter programs, but feels "The answer is finding out why they are on the streets in the first place." One of the reasons he sees lending itself to the problems of homelessness is the lack of affordable housing.

The Governor hopes for a return of the Congress and the President to the housing field this year.

New Community echoes that hope and is proud to have been able to provide a good example of a public, private partnership that works.

Season's Greetings

Leadership New Jersey Chooses Mary Smith For Membership

Ms. Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland Nursery was chosen to be a member of The Leadership New Jersey Class of 1988. Notification was made on November 12, 1987.

Leadership New Jersey is a year long program sponsored by The Partnership for New Jersey. Participants are selected on a basis of ability, community interest and potential for responsible leadership and are committed to a series of nine seminars during the year.

The program will begin with a Recognition Luncheon in Trenton on December 9th at The New Jersey State Museum. An Opening Retreat will be held at the AT&T Training Center in Hopewell, New Jersey from Thursday January 21, 1988 through Saturday January 23, 1988 and is mandatory for all participants.



Mary Smith

New Executive Director At Extended Care

On November 30, Mr. Leroy Canady began his duties as Executive Director of the New Community Extended Care Facility.

Mr. Canady brings with him his experience as assistant administrator of two large teaching hospitals in New York and New Jersey with staffs of approximately 250 employees. He

hospital administration from The University of Minnesota and a B.S. in building construction and engineering from Hampton Institute.

He is married, with two children and finds time also for participation in such activities as Kiwanis Club, United Way and the Neighborhood House Association. He has held various offices in these charitable groups, willing to play a responsible role in their endeavors.



Leroy Canady

had had 18 years experience in a medical school and community hospital environment.

The new director has an M.H.A. in

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New Maintenance Director Comes Aboard



John W. Brinkers

Mr. John W. Brinkers has taken over the reins of our maintenance department and brings to the position a background in industrial engineering which he studied at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is also certified in Stationary Engineering and has a Black Seal License from the State of New Jersey.

After working for ten years in California, John came back to the East Coast because as a father of four and grandfather of two, he wanted to be closer to his family here. The move also made his wife very happy.

Mr. Brinkers was born in The Hague, Holland, and came to this country at age 11.

Industrial Site Agreement Signed

The Lease and Project Agreement for the construction of an ice cream distribution facility on 3.3 acres in the heart of the Central Ward was executed by the president of the NCC Board of Directors, Arthur Wilson and the executive officer of Martin Ice Cream Co., Martin Strassberg. Mr. Wilson expressed his support for this 2 million dollar project that will bring 98 full time jobs to Newark residents. "This is a major step toward re-

establishing the Springfield Avenue Commercial Corridor," he told us.

"This facility, which will be located adjacent to the Jersey Milk Company, will provide Newark with a unique commercial dairy center in the heart of the city," Martin Strassberg said.

In a city with so many people looking for jobs which will give them a better life and keep them off the welfare rolls, this plant can't get functioning soon enough.

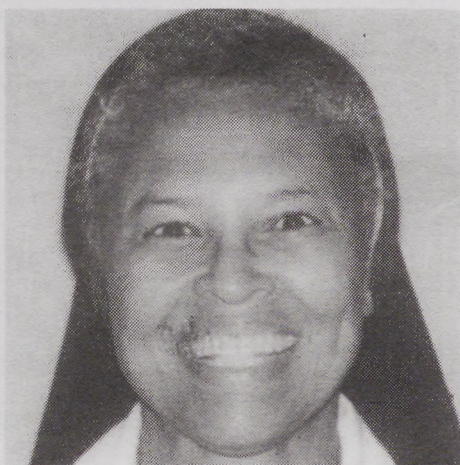
Babyland II Has New Center Supervisor

Sister M. Helene Trueitt, A.S.C. is now the Center Supervisor at Babyland II located in St. Rose School.

Sister is a graduate of Mt. Mercy College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and received her Masters in Educa-

Sister was born and raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania "in a warm and loving family." She has ministered to the immigrants in the mining towns and steel mills of Pennsylvania and to the physically handicapped adults and mentally retarded during her long career.

Today she ministers to the children and staff of Babyland II, and we bid her welcome.



Sr. M. Helen Trueitt, A.S.C.

tion at Millersville State University, Millersville, Pennsylvania. Her major was Special Education. Most of her life has been spent in the teaching profession.

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201)623-2800 ext. 206.

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St. Joseph's Hosts TV Special — Newark: The Slow Road Back

To learn from the past one must sometimes go back and view it again through fresh eyes.

That is what was done during a recent special — **Newark: The Slow Road Back** — prepared for New Jersey Network by NJN correspondent Sandra King, a Newark resident. King asked some excellent questions stirring up much discussion. Part I of the special was a video documentary and Part II was a com-



In the beautiful setting of the Atrium of St. Joseph Plaza, panelists look back on 20 years of Newark's history.

munity discussion. It was shown Thursday, December 3 at 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The "war zone" in the summer of 1967 was not a foreign land, but the Central Ward of Newark. People interviewed were from all walks of life, from different neighborhoods and as a result, held different points of view.

People talked about their lives as the subject concerned was being seen on screen. Hopes for housing, later dashed; a mother killed before the eyes of a seven-year old child; the future with new \$70,000 condominiums all entered in. The relationship between black community and police, the unemployment problems, education and the reaction of whites to Newark's changing scene were also covered. (According to the

August 1987 issue of **Money** magazine Newark placed in the top 25 percent of the 300 most desirable places to live in America.)

King feels the success of Newark as a good place to live depends on people like Crystal Spellman, now 27, who saw her mother shot, yet stayed here, and who now works two jobs "in order to send her children to a good school and live in a nice neighborhood."

The documentary was followed by a community discussion taped at St. Joseph Plaza. St. Joseph Plaza, a renovated church in the middle of what 20 years ago was the riot district, symbolizes what can be done. It now houses restaurants, a health spa and New Community offices.

The sixteen panelists for the discussion included Mayor Sharpe James, former mayor Kenneth Gibson, Monsignor William Linder, Councilman Donald Tucker, and Dr. Zachary Yamba, President of Essex County College, Newark.

Also present were Stephen Aduato, Dr. Stanley Bergen, Vic DeLuca, Armando Fontoura, Gustav Henningburg, Dr. Hilda Hidalgo, Frank E. Sullivan, Edna Thomas, Hubert Williams, Junius Williams and Connie Woodruff.

The audience was asked to submit questions to the panelists but this was almost anti-climactic, after the talking was done. One question that was asked however concerned the systemic cause of the riots, said Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland who was in the audience. "Does that cause still exist today? I think it does," she answered. Mrs. Smith felt the panelists didn't really deal with the issues of Newark.

After reviewing The Newark Disturbances in 1967 an eminent Select Commission found housing to be one of the major causes of unrest.

Can anyone looking at Newark today truly say that problem has been solved? New Community has tried, but low-income housing cannot be done without the concerted effort of many others.

Will history repeat itself or can a lesson be learned? The special could be a beginning.

No Home For The Holidays...

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captains and other services are also possible for seniors in high rise housing.

Who needs affordable housing? Yes, families with low incomes, and seniors with fixed incomes but also working single parents who pay too much of their income today in rent. High rents also prevent young families from ever being able to look forward to owning their own homes.

A housing bill is now being considered for the first time in seven years. It deserves our attention. Statistics show that the housing budget has been cut back by more than 70% since 1980. Yet despite this government spending has gone up more than 60%.

The housing bill under consideration would ask that the housing budget remain at 1987 levels — not break the federal bank.

With the bill under consideration young people would at least have a chance at home ownership since the FHA Mortgage Insurance program would be kept to provide safety and the FHA mortgage ceiling would be raised. The latter would make a house which costs more because of its location in a good area, affordable.

Surveys by a nationally recognized polling firm, Information America Corporation show that 76% of registered voters polled consider home purchasing harder for young people today than ten years ago. The federal government should help young people buy their first home, said 79% of the people, and 58% felt the budget cuts had disproportionately short-changed housing in recent years. A large portion, 66%, also felt a presidential veto would not be out of order to pass such a bill.

When we look at the money which is virtually thrown away for temporary housing in degrading, sub-human conditions it is bad enough.

The more important thing however is what this method of handling the problem says for our society as a whole. Is this really what we think of fellow human beings? Does money really determine our importance in the world? It is frightening then to think of what would happen if some cruel act of fate left US out on the street in the cold.

Shouldn't attention be given to

searching out and using the talents of each individual as is done by the marvelous counselors at the New Community Employment Center? Just this month they helped and placed 90 individuals in permanent jobs, some of whom had almost given up. Think of what that said to the job seekers about themselves.

Now they can afford a home — or can they? After all, they won't make that much to start. But something must be done for low-income residents too.

Think of what it would say about our society if priority was placed on low-income housing and an apartment was there for them to go home to after their hard days work.

Many who find employment through NCC are not eloquent speakers nor are they a source of large profits for any builder. But they need housing too and perhaps we must speak for them. Something must be done for Newark residents. **THEY MUST NOT BE PUSHED OUT.**

Every human deserves a home to shelter them, where they can feel safe and enjoy human dignity. We are all God's people.

To deny a decent life to a person willing to work for it is inhuman.

Surely some creative way to solve this problem must be possible with the genius apparent in today's high-tech world. Between government, the private sector and people of good will everywhere, the plight of the poor and the homeless must be given priority.

What better time to think about those searching for a place of their own to lay their head, than this holiday season?

Who will take up the challenge? Who has the courage needed to begin?

Love Newark Fundraiser

New Community Corporation is a participating member of the Newark Chamber of Commerces' "LOVE NEWARK" Committee. On January, 29, 1988 Msgr. William Linder is co-hosting a fundraiser at St. Joseph Plaza with Mayor Sharpe James, Council-President Henry Martinez, Jim Ferlan (President of PSE&G and The Chamber of Commerce) to raise money to beautify Newark.

Such fundraising efforts reflect the pride felt in a renewed Newark.



New Jersey Network technicians spend hours preparing lights and cameras for the taping.

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FOOT FACTS:

Common Concerns Of The Foot

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9 - 12 every 2nd & 4th Sat.

Heel Pain

Heel pain occurs most frequently when there's too much stress on the heel bone itself from walking or jumping and landing on hard surfaces, or when the plantar fascia is inflamed. (The fascia is a long band of connecting tissue that passes from the heel to the metatarsal bones, under the long arch of the foot.) Inflammation caused by excessive stretching of the tissue may also cause a heel "spur" at the base of the heel. If pain persists, see a podiatrist.

Frostbite or Chilblains

Frostbite or chilblains occur when feet are allowed to become wet and cold. In winter, it's important to keep feet warm and dry. So, be alert to numbness. Keep feet moving when you're outdoors, and when you come in from the cold, give numb feet a massage to restore circulation. Soak feet in tepid — not hot — water or expose them at room temperature until they warm up.

Be sure feet are well protected against cold and wetness outdoors by wearing water-resistant boots with thick soles. Boots should be roomy, so they don't restrict blood circulation. Thermal cushions or thick, fleecy insoles inside boots may be added for extra warmth, and perhaps two layers of loosely fitted socks.

Poor Blood Circulation

Poor blood circulation is a major podiatric concern. This condition may be marked by persistent, unusual feeling of cold, numbness, tingling, burning, or fatigue in feet and legs. Other symptoms may include discolored skin, dry skin, absence of hair on feet or legs, or cramping or tightness in leg muscles.

Feet should be bathed daily and blotted — not rubbed — dry. Emollients, cocoa butter or lanolin cream may be applied to help skin re-

Dr. Kenneth

Frank

Podiatrist



tain moisture and stay softer. Soak brittle toenails before clipping and filing them. Keep warm, exercise moderately, and have periodic medical and podiatric exams.

Poor blood circulation and diminished sensitivity are complications of diabetes, making diabetics especially vulnerable to foot problems. Keep feet warm, and wear non-restrictive shoes. Check daily for cuts or cracks, which could develop into an ulcer or gangrene, and see a physician or a podiatrist about even the simplest foot problem. Diabetics should avoid cutting corns and calluses and using any remedy containing salicylic acid. This ingredient is listed on labels of certain corn remedies, with a warning against its use by diabetics. Trim toenails carefully to avoid breaking the skin or producing an ingrown toenail.

Arthritis

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, a leading cause of activity limitation in older people is impairment of the legs and feet. Older muscles and bones lose resiliency and do not absorb shock very well. Although arthritis affects all age groups, osteoarthritis (usually caused by the wear and tear of the joints that comes with age) often affects older feet and inhibits movement. Proper foot care, including regular visits to a podiatrist and proper padding to cushion feet, are especially important for seniors.

Plantar Warts

Plantar warts are caused by a virus which may invade the sole of the foot through cuts and breaks in the skin. Walking barefoot on dirty pavements or littered ground can expose feet to this painful skin infection. The condition is common among children but may occur in adults. It may require extended treatment and can interfere with school and sports activities.

Autumn Stages

Autumn Stages, a Senior Adult Lifestory Theatre from Montclair, N.J. performed for the residents of the Extended Care Facility in November. Autumn Stages is very innovative in their approach to drama.

Thanksgiving was the theme for the performance. They took the childhood memories of Ms. Mabel Wright and developed a skit. Mr. James Lewis, Mr. Edmund Wilco and

Activities Assistant, Gary McNair were encouraged to participate. Another resident Mrs. Thelma Yearwood gave a Thanksgiving prayer that touched the hearts of all.

It was an enjoyable afternoon of singing, dancing, laughter and happy memories. Several residents commented that it was good to see people their age still active.

Denise Baker



The Autumn Stages Players take an imaginary drive over the river and into the woods to Grandmother's house.

Social Security News

The annual earnings base — the maximum amount of earnings that counts for Social Security — will increase to \$45,000 for 1988, up from \$43,800 for 1987. In addition, the 1988 tax rate for employees and their employers will increase 7.51 percent, up from the 1987 rate of 7.15 percent, Ms. Catherine G. Christoff, Social Security manager in Newark, said recently.

The increase in the wage base is based on the change in average earnings levels from 1986 to 1987. The tax rate increase was already a part of the Social Security law. The effective tax rate for self-employed people will rise from 12.3 percent to 13.02 percent for 1988.

The increase in the tax rate will amount to \$7.20 a month for a person earning \$2,000 a month.

Other Social Security figures are scheduled to increase in 1988 as well, Ms. Christoff said. The annual exempt amount used in the annual earnings test will increase. The annual earnings test is the measure used to determine whether a person who

works will receive benefits during the year.

The 1988 annual exempt amount for people 65 through 69 will be \$8,400, up from the 1987 amount of \$8,160. The 1988 exempt amount for people under 65 all of 1988 will be \$6,120 up from the 1987 amount of \$6,000.

A person whose earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount will receive all benefits for the year. A person's benefit is reduced by \$1 for each \$2 of earnings above the exempt amount. The annual earnings test does not apply once a person reaches 70.

The amount of earnings needed to earn a quarter of coverage — the measure of Social Security work credit — will be \$470 in 1988, up from \$460 for 1987. In 1988, a worker will earn four quarters of coverage if his or her annual earnings are \$1,880 or more.

More information about Social Security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the Newark Social Security office, located at 970 Broad Street. The telephone number is 429-8200.

Love In Action

The handicapped of New Community are never forgotten. This was proven by special dinners that were provided for them on November 6th at New Community Associates and on November 9th, at New Community Commons.

Maude Jones, president of the Senior Citizens' Club, planned the delicious dinner for twenty handicapped persons and many others who attended this function at 180. At the opening address, Ms. Jones told the recipients how much they are cared about and loved.

Ms. Jones was pleased when so many people expressed their gratitude for the meal. The dinner consisted of turkey, ham, string beans, yams, black eyes peas, macaroni and cheese, bread pudding and punch. She received calls on and off all through Saturday morning, the day after the dinner. Six persons who

were not physically able to come to the community room had a meal delivered to their apartments.

At New Community Commons, Viola Walker, president of their Senior Club, planned the special dinner for the handicapped. Ruby Dawson spoke of how special the handicapped are and what a blessing they bring to all of us. The meal provided an opportunity for all to be united, she stated.

The dinner at Commons consisted of turkey, potatoes, string beans, cup cakes and cider. Each handicapped participant also received a gift of \$10.00. It was said that some people even sacrificed bingo to attend this wonderful event.

New Community is very proud of such persons as Maude Jones and Viola Walker who have a gift for looking out for others.

Sister Veronica

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Behind The Shelter Door

Beginning with October 1987 the position of Legal Advocate was established for the Essex County Family Violence Program. Carmen Aponte filled this position as a bilingual worker. This will be a tremendous help to victims of domestic violence who generally have very low self esteem. They feel intimidated as they stand before a Judge and unsure of their legal rights. Ms. Aponte will be able to give them any legal information they need prior to entering the court room and support them while their case is being heard. She will be available for follow-up assistance when a woman has left the Shelter and can also assist anyone who calls our hotline in need.

If you know anyone who is in an abuse relationship, encourage them to call our 24 hour phone number. Most of the staff at the Family Violence Program have been so employed for over five years. They know a great deal about domestic



Carmen Aponte

violence and have been able to help hundreds of women over the years. They'd be glad to help you too.

Sister Clare Elton

Security Corner

Officer of the Month

Security Officer Harriet Price has been selected "Officer of the Month" for November, 1987.

Because of her unselfish loyalty and dedication to duty, S/O Price is the Security Officer most deserving of the honor.

Harriet joined the NCC Security

Senior, 545 Orange Street. Mrs. Phylis Jones (manager) said of S/O Price, that "she is a very knowledgeable and alert officer who knows and does her job well," and she is very satisfied with her job performance.

Sergeants Bernard Holloway and Mathew Richardson (her supervisors)



S/O Harriet Price (center) takes her turn as officer of the month, lauded by Joe Chaneyfield and building manager Phylis Jones.

force approximately five years ago and since that time has maintained an excellent attendance record. She in an individual who works tirelessly at whatever she is called upon to do. She brings with her, daily, a great sense of pride while helping to improve the quality of life of the residents wherever assigned.

Having worked in all NCC Senior buildings during her career, she is presently assigned to NCC Manor

stated that Harriet is consistently reliable and a credit to our Security Department.

Security Officer Harriet Price was presented a plaque from the NCC Security Department and the Katzins Uniform Company of Newark, co-sponsors of the program.

The Department of Security congratulates S/O Price on her achievement and is proud to have her in our ranks.

**ANOTHER CHRISTMAS WITHOUT
FOOD SHOPPING!**

Did You Know

FACT: BATTERING IS COMMON

•About half the couples in this country have experienced violence in an intimate relationship. Twenty-five percent of the couples in this country are estimated to be in violent relationships, that is, violence occurs more than once (over a period of time).

(Gelles, 1979)

•Fifty to sixty percent of the 47 million couples in the U.S. have had at least one violent incident, and 10-25 percent suffered violence as a common occurrence.

(Gelles, 1979)

•In almost three quarters of reported spouse assaults, the victim was divorced or separated at the time of the incident. This finding suggests that battering may be more prevalent than currently estimated, since most incidence surveys limit their sample to married couples.

(Department of Justice)

•Battering is the single major cause of injury to women, exceeding rapes, muggings and even auto accidents.

(William French Smith,

U.S. Attorney General, 1983)

•Estimates from one survey (by the Attorney General) are that 50% of married women in California will be assaulted by their husbands.

(U.S. Attorney General's Office)

•The L.A. City Attorney's Office processed 4500 domestic violence cases in 1982.

(L.A. City Attorney's Office)

FACT: BATTERING IS SERIOUS

•Women who are battered may be verbally abused, slapped, kicked, punched, thrown around, knifed. They may have minor injuries, or they may have very serious injuries, or they might be killed. Women may have broken ribs, concussions, permanent brain injuries, hearing loss, and miscarriages as a result of beatings.

•More than one million abused women seek medical help for injuries caused by battering each year. Twenty percent of visits by women to emergency services are caused by battering.

(Stark, Flitcraft, and Frazier, 1982)

•Battering precipitates one in every four suicide attempts by all women,

and one half of all suicides by black women.

(E.M.A. Stark; *Wife Abuse in the Medical Setting*)

•Twenty-three percent of police officers killed in the line of duty were attempting to halt family fights.

(FBI, 1974)

•Thirty percent of female homicide victims are killed by their husbands or boyfriends.

(FBI Uniform Crime Reports, 1982; Stark and Flitcraft)

FACT: BATTERING RELATIONSHIPS OCCUR IN ALL KINDS OF COMMUNITIES AND AMONG ALL AGE GROUPS

•The number of wife-abuse cases reported in a working class, black neighborhood in New York was roughly the same as the number reported in a white, upper-middle class area in Connecticut with approximately the same population.

(Bard, 1979)

•Demographic surveys indicate that battering happens in families that are: White, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American/Islander or from any culture; wealthy, middle class, working class or poor; elementary school, high school or college educated.

(Southern California Coalition on Battered Women)

•One study of 256 Sacramento high school students found that 35% reported experiencing various levels of violence in dating relationships (Brockopp, Chew & O'Keefe, 1983). A 1982 study of high school students found that 12% reported abuse, with the first incident usually occurring at age 15. Previous studies of college students had found a surprisingly high rate of dating violence. At Arizona State University, 60% of the school's students (male and female) had experienced violence while dating. At the College of St. Benedict (St. Joseph, Minnesota), 21% of the students experienced abuse. At Oregon State University, almost 25% of students surveyed had been physically abused.

(Chrichton, 1982)

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Newton Street School Report

Thanksgiving Feast

The Newton Street School Student Council, under the advisement of Ms. Mebane, sponsored a Canned Food Drive. The entire student body and staff helped make this event a success. We were able to provide families with a Thanksgiving Dinner.

We extend a sincere "Thank You" to all those who made it a success.

"Let Freedom Ring"

The first grade classes presented a play on November 25, 1987 entitled "Let Freedom Ring." This program developed from a class study of our Nation's signing of the 'Constitution.' The children understood the importance of this document and are looking forward to being good citizens of the United States of America.

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Noel
Room 108 and 107

Newton Street Library

The renovation of the Newton Street Library has been completed and students are looking forward to using their "brand new" library. Mrs. Edna Schwab, our librarian, is busy getting everything ready for the lucky boys and girls.

The Newton Street Library will be working closely with the Newark Public Library which is located at Newton Street School. In this way Newton Street School will not only be Number One for our students but for the community as well.

Young Astronauts of Newton Street School

The Young Astronauts of Newton Street School, from Mr. Salardino, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Butler and Ms. Lassen's classes, went to the Newark Museum Planetarium for a trip to the planets November 23. All of the students found the trip extremely interesting. Many are hoping to make a trip to outer space one day.

Special Olympics

On Tuesday, November 24, 1987 the Newton Street School Special Olympians from Mrs. Branch's class, participated in the Newark Special Olympic Basketball Tournament. The Tournament was held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey.

Lakiesha Moore, Tony Scott and Johnny Taylor came in First in their division. Jesse Guter and Veronica Nix came in Second and Peter Preziosi and Nathaniel Peterson came in Third in their division.

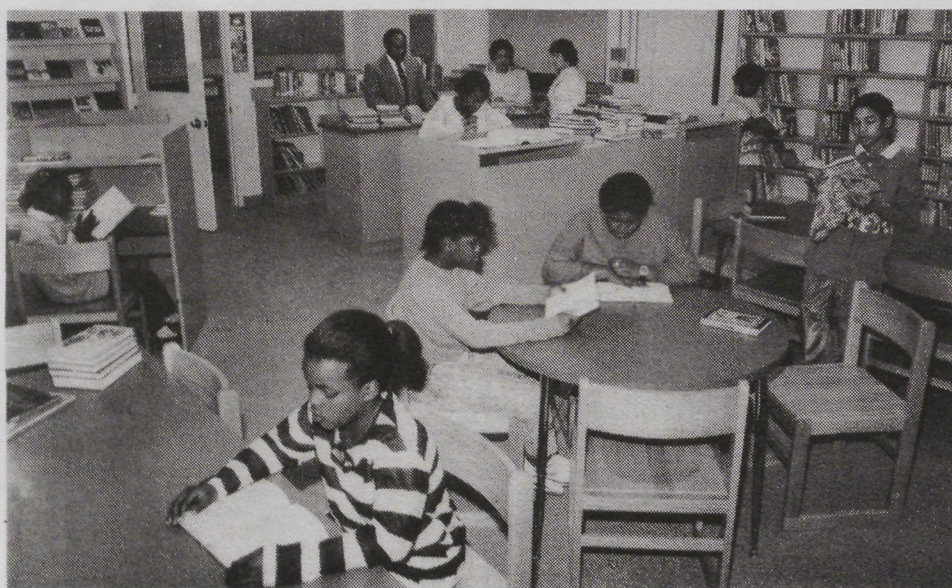
Congratulations to The Special Olympians of Newton Street School.



Newton Street School's student council members and staff pose with Principal Thomas and some of their decorated Thanksgiving food parcels.



Newton Street School's first graders filled the stage with colorful Pilgrim costumes and scenery.



The completed library nurtures readers and encourages serious studying with its bright, comfortable atmosphere.



The library at an earlier stage, still under construction.

Gifts From The Heart

So many of us get so caught up in the glitter and the novelty of the Christmas Season that we tend to lose sight of what it is really supposed to symbolize. There is nothing wrong with Santa Claus; we'll talk about him a bit later.

When we give our gifts at Christmas we should be doing so from our hearts, not trying to impress someone or seeking anything in return. Remember, the inn keeper and shepherds came to the manager and brought what they felt was most precious. These they gave freely to a Newborn Child — a stranger and his family, someone whom they saw as having very little — far less than themselves. Nothing was sought in return, yet each felt a sense of fulfillment as the child smiled upon them.

Often we take for granted the things we have and complain about wanting more. We don't even think about those who have far less and would not ask for more.

This year, the New Community Senior Advisory Board felt they wanted to share something with the younger members of New Community. From their treasury \$100.00 was donated to purchase toys to be distributed to the children of less fortunate NCC family residents. The six senior buildings are also sponsoring a "Toys for Tots" drive, asking anyone who would like to purchase a new toy and bring it without wrapping to the Social Worker office in their building by December 21st. These toys will also be distributed to the NCC youths.

Your help in this effort would greatly be appreciated. Many reached out when the seniors sponsored their Food drive to feed the hungry and now they would like to help again, so that there may be no sad faces because there were too many to buy for, or no funds to use on toys because food was more of a priority.

Remember those who have less than you, not only during this season of giving and rejoicing but throughout the year.

Let there be peace by reaching out and touching one another.

Christmas Night

It wasn't loud; a tiny cry,
But angels heard the sound.
They all began to sing for joy
And spread the news around.

Shepherds heard and left their flocks
To find the "lamb of God."
They hastened 'cross the very ground,
One day, His feet would trod.

Wise men watching for His star
Were filled with glad delight.
At last, their "dream" was coming true
On this Holy Night.

Christ still comes to anyone
Who opens up his heart
And asks Him to come in and stay
And be a vital part

Of everything they say and do,
Today and evermore.
Each heart can be His manger bed.
Come, let us adore.

Margaret Peterson

Correction

Last month, the NJ Foster Grandparent Program was inadvertently reported to have been in operation for 2 years. We apologize for this typographical error.

In fact the NJ Foster Grandparent Program has been successfully operating for 21 years. Persons 60 and over in good health who have love and time to offer and meet certain income guidelines are eligible to become foster grandparents like the foster grandparents that are in Babyland III.

Call Jayne R. Bidgood, NJ Foster Grandparent Supervisor at 499-5108 for further information.

Let's Read

Enthusiasm was high, bookcases were starting to fill with requested items and things were picking up.

A year ago there was a proposed project to have satellite libraries set up on-site in four New Community senior buildings. These were to operate in conjunction with the Main Newark Public Library. After going through several management changes the project was ready to get off the ground this month.

The first site to open was at NC Commons, 140 South Orange Avenue on November 9, 1987. Mr. Thayse, the on-site library Coordinator, never lost faith in the library and had started signing residents up for library cards and formulated a catalogue for books and various donations of reading materials.

Mr. Thayse worked closely with Mr. Lewis Graves of the Springfield Branch of the Newark Public Library to stock his shelves with books which the residents had requested.

There are many things in store for the library. Special events and guest speakers are being arranged as well as film presentations and a special "Literacy Workshop," which Mr. Thayse is coordinating.

Do make it a point to stop by the



Thomas E. Tharpe (R) and a group of enthused resident readers prepare to cut the ribbon as part of the new library's opening festivities.

library located on the main floor of NC Commons near the laundry room and "Let's read."

Other sites will be opening in the months to come. Keep watching!

Halloween Wonder

It was a bright Autumn morning,
And all through Manor Senior,
Not a witch was stewing.
No potions were brewing.
But a few of the residents sat waiting
to see
Ghosts and goblins about as high as
their knee.

In they paraded, two by two,
These Cheery masqueraders from
Babyland Two.
Superman, Wuzzles, Pound Puppies
even Grover
Looked so bewitching as they ambl-
ed over.

In popped Penny Wilson, a carpet
bagger's delight
Not quite sure it was she, who's face
was hidden from sight.

Everyone was just grinning
When in came Victoria Jenning
All dressed in black,
Butterflies dancing on her front and
back.

Hot chocolate and cookies
Made such tasty goodies.
When things came to an end
Some had made a new friend.
And each returned and made plans to
come back
All clutching tightly a well packed
sack.

Joyce Cook

NC Gardens Says Thanks

And someone said...
They didn't believe in Santa Claus!

Our thanks to Mr. Bob West for donating a turkey. Everyone attending Fun Night on Friday evening put their names in a box and the lucky lady was our own Mamie Williams. Thank you for adding to our fun. Thank you for thinking of others.

Edna Davis

Fun Services Gift Shop



The "Fun Services Gift Shop" held in the lobby of the Extended Care Facility as a fundraiser for the facility attracts many staff and resident shoppers.

NC Douglas

Happy Yuletide Season to the NCC Community and its Corporation

—To the Clarion management, where we have been able to express our thanks and concerns

—To our Manager, Mrs. Madge Wilson and others who have dedicated their services these many years.

—To its tenant benefits

We take this time of The Season to say thanks—in togetherness, cooperation, sharing, and caring, with respectability in making and keeping New Community a desirable Community to live and work, each person doing his or her share.

Happy Holiday Season from New Community Douglas.

by Missionary H. Williams

In The Spirit Of Giving And Sharing

Norma Rodriguez, a native of Caguas, Puerto Rico has lived in Newark since 1985 when she came to the United States to pursue her PhD at Rutgers University School of Social Work. She had received her BSW and MSW at the Universidad de Puerto Rico and had been a family social worker for eleven years at a private non-profit family service agency where she counseled particularly children and adolescents. For the last four years prior to coming to the United States she was a college professor in the BSW program at the Universidad de Puerto Rico and the Interamerican University.

Ms. Rodriguez recently passed the qualifying examinations at Rutgers

tenants acquainting them with all of the many services residents of NCC have.

On her first day she gave a message in Spanish over the PA system announcing that she would be there weekly to serve as a link for those of the Hispanic Community who have a language barrier.

The next week upon her arrival Norma stated "that the lobby at Manor was filled with Hispanic residents" who were so happy and eager to speak to her. She assists them as well as other tenants in identifying and following up on problems with service agencies such as those handling foodstamps, PSE&G and utility and phone companies. She also



Norma Rodriguez (L) checks out a list of medications with NCC Manor, Sr. resident Juanita Santiago.

University Graduate School of Social Work and is writing her dissertation for her doctoral degree on delinquency. Next semester she will be teaching there in the BSW program.

Being a Newark resident she had been a regular diner at St. Joseph Plaza Sandwich Shop and the Priory Restaurant and was a regular Clarion reader. She had always heard about NCC from colleagues at school and became very enthusiastic about NCC's mission.

One day last June she telephoned the New Community Social Service Department and spoke to Mowbrey McKinley, the Human Resources Manager and explained that even though she was extremely busy with studying for her qualifying exams and other studies she wanted in some way to be associated with New Community as she was so impressed with it. She indicated that in the Summer she would be able to volunteer a few hours each week and would fit it into her hectic schedule.

Since July, Ms. Rodriguez has spent one day each week at NC Manor in the office of social worker Joyce Cook or at the management office or visiting tenants. She assists with filling out forms for Vial of Life, commodities which are distributed, doing tenant profiles and visiting new

holds meetings with the Hispanic residents in order to allow the non-English speaking tenants to express themselves and get guidance and assistance.

Norma would like to see the Hispanic community become an integral part of the whole community and not be isolated by a language barrier. She stated that there is a strong need for a Hispanic social worker or volunteer to keep the non-English speaking tenants updated on activities. Presently Norma interfaces with management as well as outside agencies on their behalf.

Norma also said that since she has been a volunteer here she is "even more enthusiastic" about NCC. It has done such an outstanding service to meet the housing needs of Newark's low income community she told us, and would like it to continue.

In July 1988 Ms. Rodriguez will return to a position as College professor in Puerto Rico, as she will be finished her doctoral program this month.

We wish you could stay Norma Rodriguez. However, NCC thanks you so very much for finding time in your demanding schedule to share your talents and skills and for giving so much of yourself — all year round.

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Phyllis Matheis of Verona networked with her friends to get the turkeys, and her husband to transport them. There's more than a bird being passed along — it's a "people responding to people" project and we social workers have the joy of experiencing the completion of the connection.

A few families received turkey baskets from City Hall and some canned goods donated by the religion classes directed by Sister Katie, S.N.D., a summer volunteer for NCC social services.

If all the hands that joined together in this holiday season could link minds and hearts in a way that helps us to understand each other and work for each other's good, it would be an eternal Thanksgiving.

Sister Kathleen Coll



Anticipating the delights of a turkey dinner, NCC residents Lamont Swepson and his mother, Francine Sanderson, were appreciative recipients of one of Social Services' Thanksgiving turkeys.

Outing At The Meadowlands

November the 11th will be the day a group of NCC Youth can remember with a smile. Thanks to Mr. Al Wickens and Mutual Benefit, the NCC Youth Department watched the

Michael Jordan show but that was only a part of the fun; the kids got a wonderful chance to meet the players up close, exchange conversations, shake hands and collect autographs.



NCC Youth members surround one of their basketball heroes, Dave Crozine, at the Meadowlands.

A Christmas Miracle

Sitting in a tidy apartment atop a public drinking establishment there resided a very pleasant, patient, gray-haired woman by the name of Sadie Miller. She was slight of stature and got around her four rooms with the use of a cane or walker. Until last February 1987 her friend Murray lived with her and helped with all the household duties and shared living expenses.

For almost six years Sadie has not left her apartment, depending on her friend to go out and get what she needed such as food, or do laundry, pay bills, etc.

One day, however, she realized her

Marie, good friend that she was, wanted to help her friend. She had come to Ms. Cook and asked what could be done to get Sadie out of her present environment — could she possibly live at New Community Manor.

Information was taken and the process of finding an apartment was begun. Meanwhile, Mrs. Miller despite all that was starting to happen at once, kept faith. First the landlord informed her the rent on her inaccessible apartment had been increased to over \$400.00 a month. But her monthly check was only about \$265.00. Money was borrowed to pay rent, buy



Cozily settled in her new apartment in NCC Manor Sr., Sadie Miller finds it easier to smile these days.

friend would no longer be there to keep her company or help her with bills. Other friends still came to see her but soon they did not come as much as they had in the past.

Just the location of her apartment made it difficult to visit because you had to know someone in the bar below who could open the bottom door or yell up to the second floor for someone to come down. Once the door was opened you were faced with three flights of steeply winding steps. They were rather fearful since the hand rails were missing in various places. When you reached the top, after regaining your breath, Ms. Miller's door was before you. You must then knock hard and wait a few minutes for her to make her way to the door.

Under these circumstances Sadie said she "feels like a prisoner" or even worse, because at least prisoners get an hour of recreation in the yard everyday. "I have not touched the ground in years," she confessed to Joyce Cook, a NCC social worker. "Now that Murray is gone I feel so alone. Marie is my friend and she lives up the street in a nice building that has elevators, other people, security guards and is close to church." Sadie wished she could live there too. She told Joyce she wanted to be happy and feel safe. "I do not want to spend Christmas alone."

food, pay for utilities and her phone. Sadie really relied on phone conversations.

It seemed as though things could get no worse. Yet Sadie knew in her heart that God would see to it that Christmas 1987 would be spent in a warm secure building with friends and she would be able to go outside to view the annual blessing of the crib.

After many months of patient waiting, Mrs. Miller received the keys to her new apartment and moved into NC Manor Senior at 545 Orange Street, on November 20, 1987.

There were tears of joy; this would be the first time in a long time Sadie would be going outside, released from her third floor prison-type dwelling. Since she was a long time resident of the Roseville area, moving into Manor also meant that Sadie was still in a familiar area where she had grown up as a child.

After moving in Mrs. Miller said gratefully, "Thank God for the caring people at New Community. I now have an increase in my Social Security check, I get food stamps and best of all I have a beautiful place to live."

"I've seen the 'Scrooge' of Christmas," she told us, "and now I am living a real Christmas Miracle."



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A People To People Network

Social Workers from the end links in a chain of service and outreach often not realized. As we distributed the twenty-three turkeys to New Community families we were aware that the "Thank You's" that were expressed were not for us alone.

Phyllis Matheis of Verona networked with her friends to get the turkeys, and her husband to transport them. There's more than a bird being passed along — it's a "people responding to people" project and we social workers have the joy of experiencing the completion of the connection.

A few families received turkey baskets from City Hall and some canned goods donated by the religion classes directed by Sister Katie, S.N.D., a summer volunteer for NCC social services.

If all the hands that joined together in this holiday season could link minds and hearts in a way that helps us to understand each other and work for each other's good, it would be an eternal Thanksgiving.

Sister Kathleen Coll



Anticipating the delights of a turkey dinner, NCC residents Lamont Swepson and his mother, Francine Sanderson, were appreciative recipients of one of Social Services' Thanksgiving turkeys.

Outing At The Meadowlands

November the 11th will be the day a group of NCC Youth can remember with a smile. Thanks to Mr. Al Wickens and Mutual Benefit, the NCC Youth Department watched the

Michael Jordan show but that was only a part of the fun; the kids got a wonderful chance to meet the players up close, exchange conversations, shake hands and collect autographs.



NCC Youth members surround one of their basketball heroes, Dave Crozine, at the Meadowlands.

A Christmas Miracle

Sitting in a tidy apartment atop a public drinking establishment there resided a very pleasant, patient, gray-haired woman by the name of Sadie Miller. She was slight of stature and got around her four rooms with the use of a cane or walker. Until last February 1987 her friend Murray lived with her and helped with all the household duties and shared living expenses.

For almost six years Sadie has not left her apartment, depending on her friend to go out and get what she needed such as food, or do laundry, pay bills, etc.

One day, however, she realized her

Marie, good friend that she was, wanted to help her friend. She had come to Ms. Cook and asked what could be done to get Sadie out of her present environment — could she possibly live at New Community Manor.

Information was taken and the process of finding an apartment was begun. Meanwhile, Mrs. Miller despite all that was starting to happen at once, kept faith. First the landlord informed her the rent on her inaccessible apartment had been increased to over \$400.00 a month. But her monthly check was only about \$265.00. Money was borrowed to pay rent, buy



Cozily settled in her new apartment in NCC Manor Sr., Sadie Miller finds it easier to smile these days.

friend would no longer be there to keep her company or help her with bills. Other friends still came to see her but soon they did not come as much as they had in the past.

Just the location of her apartment made it difficult to visit because you had to know someone in the bar below who could open the bottom door or yell up to the second floor for someone to come down. Once the door was opened you were faced with three flights of steeply winding steps. They were rather fearful since the hand rails were missing in various places. When you reached the top, after regaining your breath, Ms. Miller's door was before you. You must then knock hard and wait a few minutes for her to make her way to the door.

Under these circumstances Sadie said she "feels like a prisoner" or even worse, because at least prisoners get an hour of recreation in the yard everyday. "I have not touched the ground in years," she confessed to Joyce Cook, a NCC social worker. "Now that Murray is gone I feel so alone. Marie is my friend and she lives up the street in a nice building that has elevators, other people, security guards and is close to church." Sadie wished she could live there too. She told Joyce she wanted to be happy and feel safe. "I do not want to spend Christmas alone."

food, pay for utilities and her phone. Sadie really relied on phone conversations.

It seemed as though things could get no worse. Yet Sadie knew in her heart that God would see to it that Christmas 1987 would be spent in a warm secure building with friends and she would be able to go outside to view the annual blessing of the crib.

After many months of patient waiting, Mrs. Miller received the keys to her new apartment and moved into NC Manor Senior at 545 Orange Street, on November 20, 1987.

There were tears of joy; this would be the first time in a long time Sadie would be going outside, released from her third floor prison-type dwelling. Since she was a long time resident of the Roseville area, moving into Manor also meant that Sadie was still in a familiar area where she had grown up as a child.

After moving in Mrs. Miller said gratefully, "Thank God for the caring people at New Community. I now have an increase in my Social Security check, I get food stamps and best of all I have a beautiful place to live."

"I've seen the 'Scrooge' of Christmas," she told us, "and now I am living a real Christmas Miracle."



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Christmas

"For there is Born to you This day...A Savior, who is Christ The Lord."

Luke 2:11

A stable is a structure in which domestic animals are sheltered and fed. It is not usually associated with delight and happiness upon the observance of a notable occasion. If you are a celebrant, one of the least likely places in which you would consider finding bliss is a stable. The great marvels of learning that have done so much to enhance our living have been made in all kinds of places and under all kinds of circumstances, but nothing of socioeconomic significance, however, has ever been found in a stable. No great discourses and addresses from great elocutionists have ever been made in a stable. If you ever want to see something of consequence and importance or hear something meaningful, the last place that you would consider looking is a stable. A stable, after all, is for animals.

Yet, if Christmas is about anything, it is about the Good News that came out of a stable. Christmas, one of the biggest and one of the most significant observances of the Christian faith, came out of a stable, of all places. It did not occur at the Shrine in Delphi nor in the grove of oak trees at the Oracle in Dodona, but in of all places, a lonely stable. If Christmas is about anything, it is the announce-

ment and celebration of the Good News that Christ, the Savior, is born. It is the message that God became one **with** us and one **of** us — that God not only became a baby but also that God became a **poor** baby — born in a stable to poor parents and an oppressed people in an occupied land. When He was born, angels sang not to the high priest and the religious leaders nor to the rich and powerful, but to lowly shepherds.

Just what is this Good News that comes out of a stable? Well, the first thing that the angels told the shepherds, living out in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night, was "do not fear." We have become very fearful these days. We lock ourselves in our homes behind several locks, barred windows, and burglar alarms. Not only are we prisoners in our homes but the fear of violence holds our minds captive and keeps our spirit bound when we venture out. We are afraid of each other.

The second statement that the angel made to the shepherds was, "I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be for all people. For there is born to you this day...a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord." This message still delights the hearts of people everywhere who hear it.

Christ, the Savior, is born.

Lewis Graves
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St. Rose Of Lima Presents "The Toymaker"

St. Rose of Lima's Jr. Choir and Individual Music Class, under the direction of Mrs. Emily Ross will present their annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 20, 1987 at 3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. This year's program is a play entitled "The Toymaker."

The Toymaker played by Jermaine Sharpe, 8th grade student, is very intense as he creates one of his beloved life size dolls played by Tracy Snow.

The play begins with the Toymaker who has somehow lost his Christmas spirit and intends to ignore the season as though it does not exist. He hates Christmas but however, loves

his toys dearly. His love for his creations bring them to life, and they



Tracy Snow and Germaine Sharpe star.

endeavor to help restore his Christmas spirit.

The events that follow prove to be quite entertaining and uplifting to the Spirit as well. Lively, colorful and entertaining describes the Toymaker as a play from the viewpoint of an audience. The actors feel it is just plain fun.

We invite all who wish, to join in our fun. Please come and we will welcome you by saying, "Welcome to our program, we hope you will enjoy. We wish to bring you pleasure too lasting to destroy."

So, join us with the telling of the Christmas story and let everyone do his part. Don't just listen with your ears, listen with your heart.

Mrs. Emily Ross

A Bird In The Hand...



New Reading Program At St. Rose

After careful re-evaluation of the reading program last school year, the administration of St. Rose of Lima School elected to institute a new reading program for school year 1987-88. Numerous programs were examined but it was the Headway Program, Basic Reading and Language Skills published by Open Court Publishing Company of LaSalle, Illinois that stood out above the others. Kindergarten, grades 1st, 2nd, and 3rd entered the program for this school year, however, plans are

the learning to read component of the Headway Program. This level is generally introduced in grade one and it is a synthetically structured instructional system in which the language arts are carefully coordinated for mutual support. It uses intensive phonics techniques including systematic blending activities, with multi-sensory methods and materials to teach reading and writing. Children are taught associated spellings. by the end of the Foundation Level, the 43 sounds of English and



Dr. Zachary Yamba and other members of St. Rose of Lima's school board observe a group of first graders in an impressive reading demonstration.

already underway to include for next school year, grades 4th, 5th and 6th in the program.

The Headway Program has 10 levels. The Preparation Level (Level A), The Foundation Level (Level B) and 8 higher levels.

The Preparation Level focuses



Mrs. Marshall's class concentrates on teacher and blackboard.

primarily on the academic learning areas of language skills and thinking skills. The level is also designed to prepare children for reading and writing by providing work with letters and sounds, basic vocabulary and classification. The level is also designed to help children become more focused and systematic in their thinking and more eager to accept challenges. This level includes many thinking tasks and thinking stories. The Foundation Level (Level B) is

the corresponding 95 spellings have been taught.

In 1985, the Commission on Reading published the results of a comprehensive survey of what is known about the reading process. The report "Becoming a Nation of Readers" will serve as a guide for many years to come. When experts were asked about various reading programs, Open Court was hailed as the kind of program needed if we are to become a nation of readers.

Members of the first grade class and their teacher, Mrs. Martha Marshall, were eager to show the members of the St. Rose of Lima School Board of Education just how much they had learned in a little over two months into the program. For the November Board meeting, some of the children were invited to give a demonstration of some of the Open Court Techniques. Thus far, children have learned 19 of the 43 sounds and 32 of the 95 spelling combinations.

By the end of the year, the children will be able to recognize or decode nearly 200 words. This is nearly 10 times the recognition ability of children using other programs.

The remaining 8 levels of the program continue to enforce the objectives of the Headway Program. The objectives are:

1. To teach decoding and encoding skills so thoroughly that they remember what they are taught.
2. To introduce students to the best literature of the world.
3. To teach comprehensive strategies, rather than just test to see if comprehension has occurred.

To develop in students a broad range of writing and language skills.